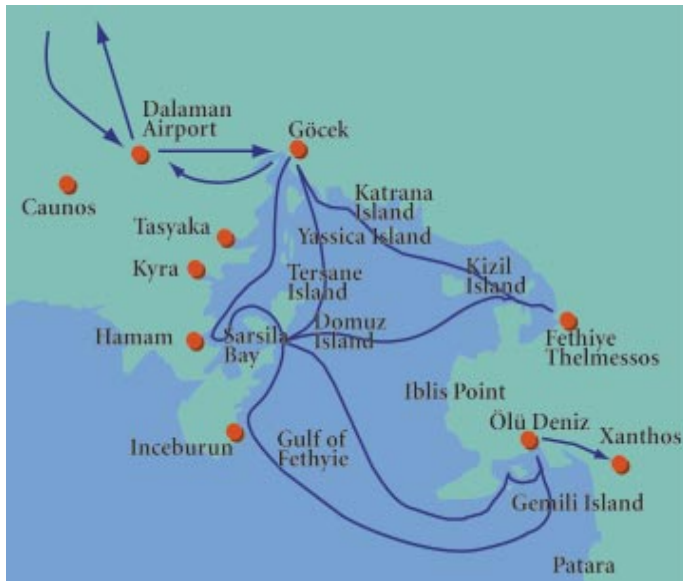


# CRUISE THE TURQUOISE COAST

## 9 DAYS



Cruise on the blue-green waters off the “Turquoise Coast” of Turkey on board the *M/Y Halas*, a 170-foot coastal cruiser. Twenty-eight guests are accommodated in 14 luxurious air-conditioned cabins, all with private facilities and windows looking out to the sea.

Your days are spent sailing among the islands by the Gulf of Fethiye off the southern coast and soaking up the warm sun. Day trips are included in the itinerary to explore some of the ancient cities of Lycia that dot the coast. You have time swim off sandy beaches and to shop for locally made crafts. Your daily schedule is all yours to make. If you would prefer to lounge on the sun deck of the *Halas* or to relax in the covered lounge, you are encouraged to do so.

Morning coffee, afternoon tea, light snacks or drinks are always available at the sun deck bar. Either way, you have gilded sunsets to look forward to each evening; the chef and his staff prepare marvelous meals of freshly caught seafood and fresh produce. The gentle movement of the ship at anchor in the evening rocks you to sleep as each day ends.

- Each departure limited to 20 guests
- Luxury hotel and cabin on 'M/Y Halas'
- Three meals a day including beverages of your choice
- All sightseeing (including entrance fees) as indicated in the itinerary
- Arrival and departure transfer by private car
- Gratuities are included except ship's crew
- Porterage of 2 suitcases per passenger
- Airport departure taxes

### Day 1

#### USA – ISTANBUL

Depart the States on your flight bound for Istanbul.

### Day 2

#### ISTANBUL

You are met upon your arrival in the world's only city built on two continents and brought by private car to your hotel, the **Four Seasons**, with the best location in the city – a short distance from the Hagia Sophia and the Topkapi Palace. Your accommodation exudes culture, history and charm. A renovated early 19<sup>th</sup>-century Ottoman building, the original tiles and

columns remain, as well as a Byzantine wall that borders the grounds. The plush interior is decorated with 19<sup>th</sup>-century furnishings.

### Day 3

#### ISTANBUL – DALAMAN – GOCEK

You depart today on your flight to the south of Turkey, to Dalaman, where you are met and driven to the Mediterranean fishing village of Göcek. The *M/Y Halas* is waiting for you. The spacious common areas include a dining room, a lounge, two bars, a video room, a game room, a beauty salon, and a large sun deck. Once you have had a chance to settle into your private cabin, relax on deck with refreshments before your delicious dinner on board. (B,D)

### Day 4

#### GOCEK - YASSICA ISLANDS

Shortly after breakfast this morning, you cruise in the Gulf of Fethiye. The *Halas* anchors off the shore of Yassica Island, and you spend the morning swimming and strolling on the beach. After lunch, there is ample time to explore Kria and take the climb up to the Lycian rock tombs that were built into the cliffs. If you prefer, you can relax on the beach with a good book before you return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)



M/Y Halas



Bar on M/Y Halas

**Day 5**

**YASSICA ISLANDS – GEMILI ISLAND – OLU DENIZ – GEMILI ISLAND**

Your cruise begins early this morning as you continue outside the Fethiye Gulf, past Iblis Point, along the Mediterranean, to Gemili Island in the Bay of Belcegiz. It is unclear who founded the settlement on the island. The ruins on the slope descend to the water's edge. A large church from the Christian and Byzantine period, mosaics on the ground, remains of a gutter system running down the slope, and the ruins of cisterns in the sea are quite interesting.

After lunch, if you like, you can go to Olu Deniz (Blue Lagoon) and take a swim in the calm, crystal-clear water of "Paradise Beach" – a long white pebble beach stretching below huge pine trees set

on the high slopes above. Or you can take a chair on the sun deck on board and read or simply daydream. At the end of the day, you have a savory dinner served as you watch the sun set across the water and spend another wonderful quiet night lulled to sleep by the gentle rocking of the sea. (B,L,D)

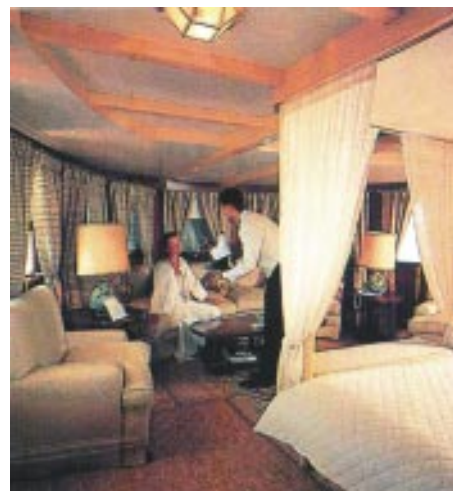
**Day 6**

**GEMILI ISLAND - XANTHOS – LETOON – GOCEK**

After your breakfast, you drive from Olu Deniz to Xanthos – the oldest and largest city of the mountain province of Lycia, nestled in the valley of the Xanthos River. It was destroyed and rebuilt several times. By the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, Xanthos was part of a Roman province. However, the area was devastated by a series of earthquakes, and Arab

raids in the 8<sup>th</sup> century completed the destruction. With such a history, it is no wonder Xanthos became known as the "city of disasters". The ruins here include the Lycian acropolis as well as the Roman acropolis, the Roman Theater, and the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC Harpy Monument that is a family sarcophagus.

Just a few miles to the southwest, you visit the ancient ruins of Letoon, which was closely linked with Xanthos. It is known to have been a very important religious center of Lycia during the period between the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC and 6<sup>th</sup> century AD. You see a triad of temples to Leto, Apollo and Artemis, as well as a community hall and a large semi-circular pool. There are inscriptions in Lycian, Greek and Aramaic found on the Leton Temple, which scholars hope will help in deciphering the Lycian language. A well-preserved Greek-style theater rises above the little village that surrounds the site.



Lyric Suite

After your sightseeing, you drive back to Gocek to meet the Halas.

If you prefer, you can elect to stay aboard the Halas today; relax on the sun deck and stop to enjoy a swim as you cruise back to Gocek. This evening, you are served another romantic dinner featuring fresh fish, vegetables and fruit and enjoy the tranquility of overnight on board. (B,L,D)

**Day 7**

**GOCEK- PATARA – KALKAN – GOCEK**

This morning, after your breakfast on board, you have the opportunity to visit the ancient site of Patara, probably as famous for its vast sandy beach as for its imposing ruins set on a series of seaside hills. The site was once set along a harbor,



M/Y Halas

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Relax on deck

which over the centuries has filled in with silt. You see a spectacular triple arch gateway, built around 100 AD, a necropolis with many sarcophagi, and the very impressive Hadrianic Granary. The painted ceramics found in the acropolis indicate the city existed as long ago as the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. Along the path to the sea, you see the remains of Roman baths, a Christian basilica, and a theater.

After your lunch, you drive a short distance along the coast to Kalkan – a typical Turkish fishing village. A graceful stone breakwater protects the harbor, and simple stone houses with wooden balconies overlook the marina. You stroll through this lovely town's narrow winding streets to browse in shops and boutiques offering clothing (including baggy Turkish pants called *shalvars*), ceramics, carpets, and souvenirs.

In the late afternoon, you return by car to Gocek, and you sip a cool drink on deck as the **Halas** cruises along the Gulf to Sarsila Bay for your overnight anchorage. A sumptuous dinner is served as you watch the sun set over the water. (B,L,D)

**Day 8**

**SARSILA - GOCEK - CAUNOS - GOCEK - DOMUZ ISLAND**

This morning, you can swim after breakfast in Sarsila before returning to Gocek for the short drive to the village of Dalyan. Here you make the 30-minute trip by boat up river along a stretch of lush, green marsh to the ruins of the

ancient Carian harbor- city of Caunos. From the boat, be sure to look up at the cliff above to glimpse the rock tombs built in the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC. This former port suffered the same fate as many others in the area when the water line receded and the harbors silted in. You see the acropolis of Caunos and remarkably well preserved

defensive walls. There is an impressive view from the Roman theater of the entire site and distant beach. A fountain and several temples lie along the ancient harbor.

After lunch, you have an opportunity to visit the nearby pools for a mud facial or bath – long considered beneficial for your skin. Upon your return to Gocek, board the **Halas** and cruise to Domuz Island for a delicious dinner and relaxing overnight onboard. (B,L,D)

**Day 9**

**DOMUZ – FETHIYE – GOCEK**

You swim off Domuz Island this morning before going ashore to visit the town of Fethiye. The ancient Lycian city of Telmessos originally occupied this site in 400 BC; and it was known for the astrologists, mystics, palm readers, and oracles who lived here. You visit the tomb of Amyntas, the most famous of all the Lycian tombs, which sits grandly on the slope overlooking the bay. Amyntas is

thought to have been a king or governor of Telmessos during the Hellenistic period. Much of the city was destroyed by an earthquake in 1957, but the rock tombs here are considered to be some of the most interesting in the region. Returning to the **Halas** this afternoon, you can swim and sit back on the deck as you cruise across the bay to Gocek. You have a light dinner before driving to Dalaman Airport for your flight to Istanbul. You overnight at the **Four Seasons Hotel**. (B,L,D)

**Day 10**

**ISTANBUL – USA**

Your idyllic journey comes to an end as you are escorted to the airport for your return flight to the USA. (B)

**DATES**

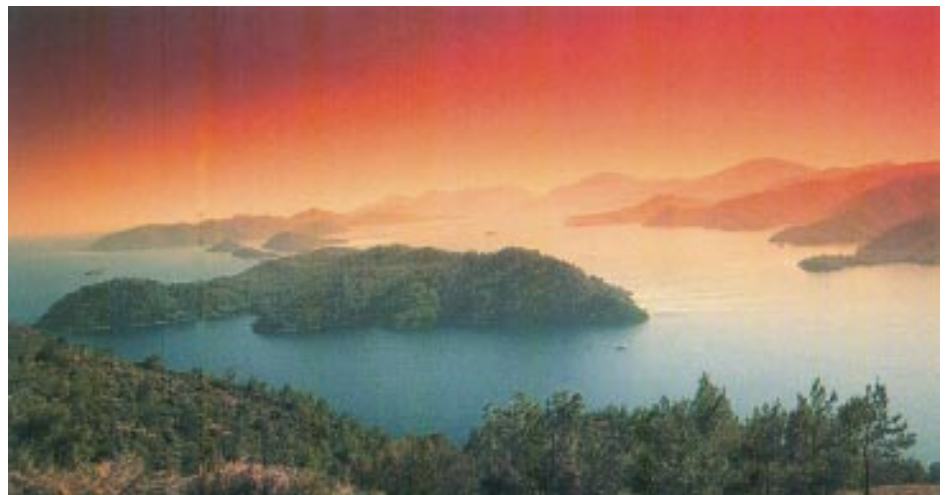
Depart-SAT (from USA)	Return-MON
Jun 10	Jun 19
or every Saturday from May to Oct	
<b>2001 Dates:</b>	
June 09	Jun 18

**COST PER PERSON**

Cruise Cost	Double	Single Supplement
Double Bed Cabin	\$ 2,280	\$ 1,703
Standard Twin	\$ 3,131	\$ 2,019
Large Twin	\$ 3,443	\$ 2,336
Bridal Suite	\$ 3,715	\$ 2,603
Lycian Suite	\$ 4,494	\$ 3,382
Domestic Airfare		\$ 180
International Airfare (New York)		\$ 865

*(If you also take the Turkey trip, only "Cruise Cost", which is reduced by \$ 600 per person, applies.*

*All airfares are subject to availability and to change by the airlines. Cancellation penalties and surcharges may apply. Fares from other U.S. cities, as well as First and Business Class rates, are also available.*



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